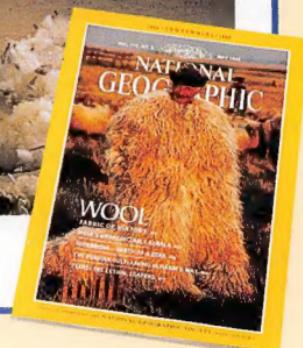




This photograph of a half-shorn merino sheep from the May 1988 issue was one of the pictures that helped earn NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC the National Magazine Award in photography.





ANNIE GRIFFITHS BELT (LEFT) AND BARON HUGO VAN LAWICK

HE HAS BEEN A FRIEND to some of the most celebrated scientists of our day: Jane Goodall, Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Louis S. B. Leakey, Dian Fossey. At crucial moments in their careers, he recognized the promise of their work and spoke out

research committee's chairman.

"When I first met Mel in 1963, I stood very much in awe of this man," said Jane Goodall (with Payne, above left, in 1989), whose study of wild chimpanzees was launched by a Society grant in 1961. "I didn't begin to appreciate the twinkle in his

emphasis on environmental matters. This, it seems to me, calls for new blood, new energy. We'll get that from our new chairman."

Dr. Barry C. Bishop, I am pleased to say, has agreed to accept this role. A geographer who has conducted research in